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THE following Letters from Vice-Admiral Lord Viſcount Howe, and General Howe, to Lord George Germain, brought by the Sandwich Packet from Staten Iſland to Falmouth in Thirty-ſeven Days, were this Day received.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Viſcount Howe to Lord George Germain, dated Eagle, off Staten Iſland, Auguſt 11, 1776.

MY LORD,

CONCEIVING it of the utmoſt Importance, in Purſuit of the Objects of the ſpecial Commiſſion with which I had the Honor to be charged by His Majeſty, that the Colonies in Rebellion ſhould have the earlieſt Information of His Majeſty's moſt gracious Intentions, with Reſpect to the Reſtoration of Peace, and the granting of Pardons to ſuch of His Majeſty's Subjects as, by a ſpeedy Return to their Allegiance, might deſerve the Royal Mercy; I thought proper, in the Courſe of my Voyage, to prepare a Declaration to that Effect, together with a circular Letter addreſſed to the Governors, or, in their Abſence, the Lieutenant Governors or Chief Magiſtrates, of the reſpective Colonies; Copies of which I have the Honor to incloſe to your Lordſhip, N° 1 and 2.

I had little Expectation that theſe Letters and Declaration would reach the Hands of His Majeſty's Governors—My Object was, that they ſhould be circulated as much as poſſible throughout the Provinces; and I hoped to have found an Opportunity of landing them ſoon after the Time of their Date, by means of ſome Veſſel I might meet with upon the Coaſts; but no Opportunity offered 'till I arrived off the Harbor of New York on the 12th of laſt Month, when I diſpatched the Firſt Lieutenant of the Eagle to Amboy, with thoſe intended for the Colonies to the Southward of New York, directing him to deliver them to any Perſon who might appear in Authority, and to deſire they might be forwarded by the Poſt.

The incloſed printed Paper, N° 3, which came accidentally to my Hands, will inform your Lordſhip of the Reſolution of the General Congreſs, upon their Receipt of the above-mentioned Packets, which it ſeems were tranſmitted by Mr. (called General) Mercier, the Commanding Officer at Amboy, to Mr. Waſhington at New York, and by him to the Congreſs.

Captain Burnaby, in the Merlin Sloop, was charged with the Packets for the Colonies of Maſſachuſet's Bay, Rhode Iſland, Connecticut, and New Hampſhire, and directed to land them at Rhode Iſland. On the 28th of laſt Month he returned, with a Letter to me from Mr. Cooke, acknowledging the Receipt of my Letter and Declaration, and acquainting me that he had communicated them to "the General Aſſembly of that State," then ſitting at Newport, who would tranſmit Copies of them to "the moſt Honorable the General Congreſs of the United States of America, to whom every Application ought to be addreſſed, and muſt be referred." A Copy of Mr. Cooke's Letter to me is incloſed, N°. 4.

As the Iſſuing the above mentioned Letters and Declaration is the only Meaſure I judged neceſſary to take before I could have a Conference with General Howe, I have nothing further to add in this ſeparate Diſpatch, but my Hopes of being informed by your Lordſhip, that my Conduct is honored with his Majeſty's Approbation.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HOWE.

Copy of the Paper numbered 1, referred to in the above Letter.

Eagle, off the Coaſt of the Province of Maſſachuſet's Bay, June 20, 1776.

SIR,

BEING appointed Commander in Chief of the Ships and Veſſels of His Majeſty's Fleet employed in North America, and having the Honor to be by His Majeſty conſtituted one of His Commiſſioners for reſtoring Peace to His Colonies, and for granting Pardons to ſuch of His Subjects therein, as ſhall be duly ſolicitous to benefit by that Effect of His gracious Indulgence; I take the earlieſt Opportunity to inform you of my Arrival on the American Coaſt, where my firſt Object will be an early Meeting with General Howe, whom His Majeſty hath been pleaſed to join with me in the ſaid Commiſſion.

In the mean Time, I have judged it expedient to iſſue the incloſed Declaration, in order that all Perſons may have immediate Information of His Majeſty's moſt gracious Intentions: And I deſire you will be pleaſed forthwith to cauſe the ſaid Declaration to be promulgated, in ſuch Manner, and in ſuch Places within the Province of , as will render the ſame of the moſt public Notoriety.

Aſſured of being favoured with your Aſſiſtance in every Meaſure for the ſpeedy and effectual Reſtoration of the Public Tranquillity, I am to requeſt you will communicate, from Time to Time, ſuch Information as you may think will facilitate the Attainment of that important Object in the Province over which you preſide.

I have the Honor to be,

With great Reſpect and Conſideration,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HOWE.

Copy of the Paper numbered 2, referred to in the above Letter.

By Richard Viſcount Howe, of the Kingdom of Ireland, one of the King's Commiſſioners for reſtoring Peace to His Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations in North America, &c. &c. &c.

DECLARATION.

WHereas by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, to prohibit all Trade and Intercourſe with the Colonies of New Hampſhire, Maſſachuſett's Bay, Rhode Iſland, Connecticut, New York, New Jerſey, Penſylvania, the three lower Counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, it is enacted, that "it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any "Perſon or Perſons appointed and authorized by "His Majeſty, to grant a Pardon or Pardons to any "Number or Deſcription of Perſons, by Proclamation in His Majeſty's Name, to declare any "Colony or Province, Colonies or Provinces, or "any County, Town, Port, Diſtrict or Place, in "any Colony or Province, to be at the Peace of "His Majeſty; and" that "from and after the "Iſſuing of any ſuch Proclamation in any of the "aforeſaid Colonies or Provinces, or if His Ma"jeſty ſhall be graciouſly pleaſed to ſignify the "ſame by His Royal Proclamation, then, from and "after the Iſſuing of ſuch Proclamation," the ſaid "Act, with reſpect to ſuch Colony or Province, "Colonies or Provinces, County, Town, Port, Di"ſtrict or Place, ſhall ceaſe, determine, and be "utterly void." And whereas the King, deſirous to deliver all His Subjects from the Calamities of War, and other Oppreſſions which they now undergo; and to reſtore the ſaid Colonies to His Protection

der the Great Seal, dated the Sixth Day of May, in the Sixteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, to nominate and appoint me Richard Viscount Howe, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and William Howe, Esq; General of His Forces in North America, and each of us, jointly and severally, to be His Majesty's Commissioner and Commissioners for granting His Free and General Pardons to all those, who in the Tumult and Disorder of the Times, may have deviated from their just Allegiance, and who are willing, by a speedy Return to their Duty, to reap the Benefits of the Royal Favour; and also for declaring in His Majesty's Name, any Colony, Province, County, Town, Port, District or Place, to be at the Peace of His Majesty; I do therefore hereby declare, That due Consideration shall be had to the meritorious Services of all Persons who shall aid and assist in restoring the public Tranquillity in the said Colonies, or in any Part or Parts thereof: That Pardons shall be granted, dutiful Representations received, and every suitable Encouragement given for promoting such Measures as shall be conducive to the Establishment of legal Government and Peace, in Pursuance of His Majesty's most gracious Purposes aforesaid.

Given on Board His Majesty's Ship the Eagle, off the Coasts of the Province of Massachusett's Bay, the 20th Day of June, 1776.

(Signed) HOWE.

Copy of the Paper, numbered 3, referred to in the above Letter.

In Congress, July 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the Circular Letters and of the Declarations they inclosed from Lord Howe to Mr. Franklin, Mr. Penn, Mr. Eden, Lord Dunmore, Mr. Martin, and Sir James Wright, late Governors, sent to Amboy by a Flag, and forwarded to Congress by General Washington, be published in the several Gazettes, that the good People of these United States may be informed of what Nature are the Commissioners, and what the Terms, with the Expectation of which the insidious Court of Great Britain has endeavoured to amuse and disarm them; and that the few who still remain suspended by a Hope founded either in the Justice or Moderation of their late King may now at length be convinced that the Valour alone of their Country is to save its Liberties.

Extract from the Journals,

(Signed) *Charles Thomson*, Secretary.

Copy of the Paper numbered 4, referred to in the above Letter.

Rhode Island, Providence Plantations, Newport, July 21, 1776.

MY LORD,

I Am favored with your Lordship's Letter of the 20th of June last, inclosing your Declaration: I have communicated them to the General Assembly of this State now sitting here; and, at their Request, inform your Lordship, that they will transmit Copies of them to the most Honorable the General Congress of the United States of America, to whom every Application respecting the Disputes between the said States and Great Britain ought to be addressed, and must be referred.

I have the Honor to be, with great Esteem and Respect,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient

Humble Servant,

(Signed) *Nich. Cooke.*

(Addressed)

On the Public Service.

To his Excellency Lord Viscount Howe, Admiral of His Britannick Majesty's Fleet, &c. en Board the Eagle.

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

Nicholas Cooke.

Copy of a Letter from General Howe to Lord George Germain, dated Head Quarters, Staten Island, August 15, 1776.

MY LORD,

I Have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Dispatches of the 11th and Commodore Hotham, and the Repulse, met off this Harbour and came in together; the Guards and Hessians on Board are reported to be very healthy. The Camp Equipage is also come, and no Time will be lost in proceeding upon the Operations of the Campaign.

Lord Dunmore and Lord William Campbell arrived Yesterday from the Southward, with Sir Peter Parker: Being anxious to send off this Packet, I defer being more particular until the next Departure.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

WILL. HOWE.

Dublin, September 24, 1776.

Sunday last, being the Anniversary of Their Majesties Coronation, in the Morning the Flag was hoisted on Bedford Tower. At Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phœnix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Vollies from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks; and Yesterday Evening a Play was given by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the Entertainment of the Ladies; and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

IN Pursuance of the Directions of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to enable the Speaker of the House "of Commons to issue his Warrants to make out "new Writs for the Choice of Members to serve "in Parliament, in the room of such Members as "shall die during the Recess of Parliament;" I do hereby give Notice, That the Death of Francis Herne, Esq; late Member of Parliament for the Borough of Camelford in the County of Cornwall, hath been certified to me in Writing, under the Hands of two Members of Parliament; and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of Camelford, in the room of the said Francis Herne, Esq; deceased, at the End of Fourteen Days after the Insertion of this Notice in the Gazette. Dated the Thirtieth Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

FLR. NORTON, *Speaker.*

Union Fire-Office, September 25, 1776.

AT a General Meeting of the Members held at their Office in Maiden-lane, on Tuesday the 24th Instant, and continued by Adjournment to Wednesday the 25th Instant, for the Choice of Eight Directors for the Year ensuing, the following Gentlemen were chosen:

William Bowden, Esq;	Nathaniel Polhill, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Gregg	John Rivington, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Jordan	Mr. Thomas Rickards
Mr. William Loveday	Mr. Thomas Rogers.

The Sixteen following Gentlemen are continued according to the Deed of Settlement:

For One Year.	*For Two Years.*
George Brough, Esq;	Mr. Cornelius Denne
Mr. William Caldwall	Mr. John Dunn
Mr. Francis Hamilton	Thomas Edwards, Esq;
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Simon Foster
Thomas Lucas, Esq;	Mr. Robert Maitland
Mr. John Relph	Thomas Page, Esq;
Mr. Sandeforth Streatfeild	Mr. John Wells
Mr. John Towers	Mr. Joseph Wells.

Guildhall, London, September 28, 1776.

THE Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for "completing the Bridge across the River Thames, "from Blackfriars in the City of London to the oppo-"site Side in the County of Surry, and for other Pur-"poses therein mentioned," do hereby give Notice to the several and respective Person and Persons, to whom the under-mentioned Bonds, under the Common Seal of the said City, and made payable to Edward Bathurst, his Executors,

next enſuing, out of the Surpluſſes of the Fund created, continued, or augmented by the ſaid Act, for the ſeveral Purpoſes therein mentioned, to pay off and diſcharge, at the Office of the Chamberlain of the ſame City, in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, to the ſeveral Perſon or Perſons reſpectively intitled to receive the ſame, the Principal Sums of Money, together with all Intereſt then due upon the ſame Bonds ſeverally and reſpectively; and that from thence the Intereſt payable to the Perſon or Perſons intitled to receive the ſame, will ceaſe and determine.

Letter A, *from* N° 103. *to* N° 130. *both incluſive, for* £50. *each.*

Letter B, *from* N° 217. *to* N° 258. *both incluſive, for* £100. *each.*

Guildhall, London, September 28, 1776.

IN Purſuance of an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, "An Act for completing the Bridge acroſs the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London to the oppoſite Side in the County of Surry, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," The Chamberlain of the City of London doth hereby give Notice to the ſeveral and reſpective Perſon and Perſons, to whom the under-mentioned Bonds, under the Common Seal of the City of London, and made payable to Chriſtopher Fowler, Gent. Treaſurer to the Commiſſion for Paving the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, or to Henry Thrale, Eſq; Treaſurer to the Commiſſion for Paving the Town and Borough of Southwark, or to their ſeveral and reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, (by Indorſement) or any or either of them, do ſeverally belong, That the ſaid Chamberlain will be ready, on the 24th Day of March next enſuing, out of the Surplus of the Monies ariſing from the Toll of Blackfriars Bridge, &c. to pay off and diſcharge, at his Office in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, to the ſeveral Perſon or Perſons reſpectively intitled to receive the ſame, the Principal Sums of Money, together with all Intereſt then due upon the ſame Bonds ſeverally and reſpectively; and that from thenceforth the Intereſt payable to the Perſons intitled to receive the ſame, will ceaſe and determine, viz.

Letter B, *from* N° 132. *to* N° 145. *both incluſive, for* £100 *each, granted to the ſaid Chriſtopher Fowler; and alſo Letter* A, *from* N° 78. *to* N° 85. *both incluſive, for* £100 *each, granted to the ſaid Henry Thrale, Eſq.*

Navy-Office, September 16, 1776.

THE Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that on Wedneſday the 9th of next Month they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are willing to ſupply His Majeſty's ſeveral Yards with Train or Pilchard Oil.

PUrſuant to a Decree of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, the ſeparate Creditors of Miles Oatridge the Younger, formerly of Cowley, and late of Hunlecot in the County of Glouceſter, Cheeſe-factor, deceaſed, and of Miles Oatridge the Elder, late of the City of Glouceſter, Gentleman, alſo deceaſed, Father of the ſaid Miles Oatridge the Younger, and their joint Creditors, are forthwith to come in and prove their reſpective Debts, before Francis Ingram, Eſq; Deputy Remembrancer of the ſaid Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

PUrſuant to a Decree of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, the Creditors of Nathaniel Webb, late of the City of Briſtol, Ironmaſter, deceaſed, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before Francis Ingram, Eſq; Deputy to His Majeſty's Remembrancer, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, before Francis Ingram, Eſq; Deputy Remembrancer of the ſaid Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, Three Sixteenth Shares of and in certain Iron Furnaces, ſituate in the Pariſh of Merthyr Tidvil in the County of Glamorgan, called Dowlais Furnaces, late the Eſtate of Nathaniel Webb, of the City of Briſtol, Iron-maſter. Particulars whereof may be had at the King's Remembrancer's Office aforeſaid.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, before Francis Ingram, Eſq; Deputy Remembrancer of the ſaid Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, All the Freehold, Leaſehold, and Copyhold Eſtates late of Miles Partridge, whereof may be had at the King's Remembrancer's Office aforeſaid.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt, on or about the 22d Day of June laſt paſt, was awarded and iſſued forth againſt Robert Jegon, of Hungerford in the County of Berks, Mercer, Dealer and Chapman; This is to give Notice, That the ſaid Commiſſion is, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, ſuperſeded.

Notice to the Creditors of Alexander Fraſer, Paper-manufacturer, at Rowfield Paper-mill.

THESE are intimating to all Concerned, That the Lord Pitfour, Ordinary officiating on the Bills, did, on the 3d Day of September laſt, on the Application of the ſaid Alexander Fraſer, ſequeſtrate his whole Perſonal Eſtate within Scotland; and, on the 10th of ſaid Month the Lord Covington, officiating as Ordinary on the Bills, nominated and appointed Alexander Nairne, Writer in Edinburgh, to be Factor thereon, in Terms of the late Act of Parliament, intituled, "An Act "for rendering the Payment of the Creditors of Inſolvent "Debtors in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland more "equal and expeditious."

The ſaid Alexander Nairne, therefore, in Terms of ſaid Statute, and of an Order of Court, hereby requires the whole Creditors of the ſaid Alexander Fraſer, by themſelves, or their Attornies or Agents properly authoriſed to act for them, to meet in John's Coffee-houſe at Edinburgh, on the 16th of October inſtant, at Twelve at Noon, in order to their continuing the ſaid Alexander Nairne as Factor on the ſaid ſequeſtrated Eſtate, or chuſing another Factor thereon, or a Truſtee or Truſtees in his Place, all in Terms of the ſaid Statute.

Alex. Nairne.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Ann Greenwood, late of Liverpool in the County of Lancaſter, Shopkeeper, Dealer and Chapwoman, and ſhe being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender herſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 22d Days of October inſtant at Ten in the Forenoon, and on the 12th of November next at Four in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of her Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh her Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of her Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of her Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Brewer, King-ſtreet, Weſt-ſmithfield, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Matthew Pleſtow, of Bucklersbury, London, Hoſier, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 5th and 12th Days of October inſtant, and on the 12th Day of November next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each Day, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chooſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Railton, Bartholomew-cloſe.

THE Commiſſioners in a renewed Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Henry Uhthoff and Nicholas Battier, of London, Merchants and Partners, intend to meet on the 30th Day of October inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Final Dividend of the joint Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Bankrupts when and where their Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Claims on the joint Eſtate and Effects not then proved will be diſallowed.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Edward Holding, late of Little Britain, London, Slopſeller, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 10th Day of October inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, (by Adjournment from the 28th Day of September laſt) in order to take the ſaid Bankrupt's laſt Examination; when and where he is required to ſurrender himſelf, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; and the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts are to come prepared to prove the ſame, and aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of the ſaid Bankrupt's Certificate.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt James Gray, of Penryn in the County of Cornwall, Linen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 26th Day of October inſtant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Farther Dividend of the Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Bankrupt; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be diſallowed.